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1. IN DISCUSSING MATTER OF USG DELINQUENCIES ADDRESSED IN REFTELS (A), (B) AND (C), TWO POINTS HAVE SURFACED WHICH ARE COMPLICATING SITUATION:

A. FMS CASES UCD, UBG AND UAS--SPARE PARTS ARE INCLUDED WITH EQUIPMENT AS PART OF LINE ITEM IN CASE. IN MOST CASES, CSP LISTINGS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. IN CASE OF ITEM 1, CASE UBG (ROAD ROLLERS), FOR EXAMPLE, DELIVERY OF MAJOR ITEMS ALONE WILL NOT CURE DELINQUENCY AS FIVE YEARS CONCURRENT SPARE PARTS WILL REMAIN TO BE DELIVERED WHICH WE DO NOT EXPECT FOR SOME TIME. (THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLICATED MATTER WILL BE ADDRESSED CASE BY CASE BY SEPTEL).

B. FMS CASES UBL, UBJ, UAP, UAS, UBG--REFTELS (B) AND (D) HAVE REPORTED THE WELCOME NEWS OF EARLY DELIVEREIES FOR SOME ITEMS.

- 2. BOTH DELINQUENCIES AND EARLY DELIVERIES COMPLICATE THE MATTER OF PAYMENT SCHEDULES. WE NOTE THAT ALL AUTOMOTIVE/ENGINEER EQUIPMENT CASES ARE "DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING". PAYMENTS ACCORDING TO EXISTING SCHEDULES WILL, IN SOME CASES, BE EARLY RELATIVE TO EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES AND, IN SOME CASES, WHERE SCHEDULES ARE BEING IMPROVED, LATE. THE FORMER LEAVES US IN AN AWKWARD POSITION WITH THE GOK AND THE LATTER WITH USG CASH REQUIREMENTS.
- 3. ATTEMPTING TO REVISE THESE PAYMENT SCHEDULES APPEARS TO US, LOCALLY, TO BE A MORASS WHICH WE PREFER TO AVOID. EMBASSY PROPOSES WITHAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO FORMALLY ADVISE MINDEF ON BEHALF OF DA THAT PAYMENT SCHEDULES CONTAINED THESE CASES ARE ONLY ESTIMATES OF TIMES AND AMOUNTS WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED AND THAT GOK WILL BE BILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH B1B OF CONDITIONS ON REVERSE OF DD1513. FURTHER, THAT PAYMENTS SHOULD ONLY BE MADE IN RESPONSE TO BILLINGS.
- 4. THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE GOK OBJECTION TO PAYING. FULL AMOUNTS FOR OVERDUE EQUIPMENT AND ALLOW USG TO COLLECT FUNDS AS REQUIRED FOR EARLY DELIVERIES. IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO PUT THIS ASPECT BACK IN THE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE SECTION OF THE MINISTRY AS THE ROUTINE MATTER IT SHOULD BE.

5. REQUEST ADVISE. MAU

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